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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary,  
National Security Council

In compliance with your letter of 14 June 1960 to the Director of Central Intelligence, we designate the following individuals to serve as "point of contact" with the New NSC Research and Intelligence Liaison Staff:

Mr. R. W. Komer, Assistant to the DDI (NSC) -

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We believe that in our case two individuals will be better able to meet the requirements you pose.

/s/

ROBERT AMORY, JR.  
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting DCI

The attached merely notifies us of the establishment of a national security policy research "clearing house" in the NSC Staff, and request designation of an appropriate CIA point of contact. We do not anticipate that it will involve much burden on us. We have already informally designated [redacted] and myself *STAT* as the points of contact. Unless you perceive objection, I will ask DDI to reply formally to this effect.

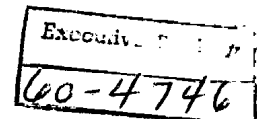
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R. W. Komer

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON



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Dear Mr. Dulles:

The President has approved the inclusion of the following functions within the NSC staff structure. This action was noted by the NSC on May 5, 1960. The functions are:

- a. Keeping the NSC Planning Board, the Operations Coordinating Board, the Special Assistants to the President for National Security Affairs and for Security Operations Coordination and other components of the NSC Staff informed of research being done within and outside the Government which has significant bearing upon their responsibilities for national security policy-making or operations coordination, placing emphasis upon a high degree of selectivity.
- b. Facilitating appropriate access within the Government to such research.

Effective June 1, 1960, the Research and Intelligence Liaison Staff was established to perform these new functions. This staff, headed by Dr. Neilson C. Debevoise, will also encompass the responsibilities formerly handled by the OCB Intelligence Liaison Staff. Arrangements have been made for [ ] to act as a consultant to work with Dr. Debevoise in the initial establishment of this staff.

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The approved terms of reference (attached hereto) direct that the initial emphasis in the work of the Research Liaison Staff will be upon:

- a. Surveying relevant research work being done in order  
(1) to determine what research is most relevant and useful to the work of the Planning Board, the OCB, the Special Assistants to the President and the NSC Staff; and (2) to become generally familiar with the contribution that available research can make as well as with the limitations of such research.

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington 25, D. C.

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- c. Developing effective procedures for making such research readily available and most useful to those officials engaged in national security policy-making or operations coordination.

It is requested that as provided in the attached terms of reference you designate an individual to serve as point of contact with the NSC Research and Intelligence Liaison Staff to assist in accomplishing the purposes set forth above. As indicated in the terms of reference this individual should be thoroughly familiar with the research of his department or agency and informed as to its national security responsibilities relating to the work of the NSC, the Planning Board and the OCB. It is believed that this knowledge will be needed to enable the designated individual to relate the research to such policy-making and coordinating activities.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature Box]

JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
Executive Secretary

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Attachment:  
Terms of Reference

cc: NSC Planning Board Member

May 4, 1960

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A  
RESEARCH CLEARING HOUSE WITHIN THE NSC STAFF

1. There shall be established within the NSC Staff structure a small unit which shall have the following functions:

a. Keeping the NSC Planning Board, the Operations Coordinating Board, the Special Assistants to the President for National Security Affairs and for Security Operations Coordination and other components of the NSC Staff informed of research being done within and outside the Government which has significant bearing upon their responsibilities for national security policy-making or operations coordination. Emphasis should be upon a high degree of selectivity.

b. Facilitating appropriate access within the Government to such research.

2. In carrying out the above functions, initial emphasis in the work of this unit will be upon:

a. Surveying relevant research work being done in order (1) to determine what research is most relevant and useful to the work of the Planning Board, the OCB, the Special Assistants to the President and the NSC Staff; and (2) to become generally familiar with the contribution that available research can make as well as with the limitations of such research.

b. Establishing liaison arrangements with appropriate departments and agencies.

c. Developing effective procedures for making such research readily available and most useful to those officials engaged in national security policy-making or operations coordination.

3. In order to permit the NSC Staff unit to carry out the function referred to in paragraph 1-a above, departments and agencies will make available to the NSC Staff unit upon request appropriate information regarding relevant research studies. Arrangements for making departmental research studies available to other departments and agencies will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis with the originating department or agency, normally by the other interested departments or agencies or, when necessary in the judgment of the Executive Secretary, NSC, by the NSC Staff unit.

4. As a means of assisting in the accomplishment of paragraph 2-b above, appropriate departments and agencies will be requested to designate an individual to serve as the point of contact between the department or agency and the NSC Staff unit. This individual should be thoroughly familiar with the research of his department or agency and informed as to its national security responsibilities relating to the work of the NSC, the Planning Board and the OCB.

5. The NSC Staff unit will not engage in activities which duplicate or conflict with existing arrangements of departmental and agency organizations (such as the External Research Division in State) for maintaining liaison with university and other private research organizations, but will, to the maximum extent feasible, make use of and work through such departmental and agency organizations.